

PENNSYLVANIA FISH AND BOAT COMMISSION  
Bureau of Law Enforcement

(Office Use Only) DATE TO HARRISBURG:	<b>Application For Permit -- PERMIT Tow Water Skier Without Observer</b>	(Office Use Only) PFBC DISTRICT # _____ Date Sent :
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**Instructions:** Under 58 Pa. Code §109.4(c)(2) the Executive Director or a Designee may issue a permit to allow operation of a boat towing a water skier without an observer, in addition to the operator, on board the boat. These operations are permitted only under special conditions, as delineated on the back of this application. Submit this application (one copy - printed in ink or typed) to the Region Office administering the County where body of water is located (information attached). You will be notified of action on your permit application within 45 days after you apply.

<p><b>Applicant Information:</b>  <b>Boat Operator:</b> _____  Address: _____                      <i>Street or Box Number</i>                      _____ <i>City</i>                      <i>County</i>    <i>State</i>                      <i>Zip</i>  Phone No:(____) _____ Date of birth _____</p>	<p><b>Note: List additional skiers* on attached sheet</b>  <b>Water Skier:</b> _____  Address: _____                      <i>Street or Box Number</i>                      _____ <i>City</i>                      <i>County</i>    <i>State</i>                      <i>Zip</i>  Phone No:(____) _____ Date of birth _____</p>
<p><b>Boating Safety Course Attendance:</b> <i>(see certification below)</i>  Course Name _____  _____   Date Completed _____</p>	<p><b>Boating Safety Course Attendance:</b> <i>(see certification below)</i>  Course Name _____  _____   Date Completed _____</p>
<p><b>Water Ski Organization Membership:</b>  Organization Name _____  _____   Date Membership Expires _____</p>	<p><b>Water Ski Organization Membership</b>  Organization Name _____  _____   Date Membership Expires _____</p>

**Permit/Duration Information (valid only for calendar year issued):**

Date(s): From \_\_\_\_\_ To: \_\_\_\_\_  
Body of Water: \_\_\_\_\_ Specific Area \_\_\_\_\_

**If weekend operation requested, list dates on attached sheet, and provide good cause for this request.**

**Applicants: Certifications and Signatures** *(signatures and certifications for all listed required)*

My signature below acknowledges that the information I have provided is true and correct to my personal knowledge, information or belief and have attached hereto copies of certificates of completion of Boating Safety Course(s) and copies of active membership(s) in state or national water skiing organization(s) for both operator and skier(s). Any false information contained herein is subject to penalties as provided in the Pennsylvania Crimes Code and the Fish and Boat Code.

**Operator**

**Water Skier**

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Signature*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Date*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Signature*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Date*

**Permit No.** \_\_\_\_\_

**Tow Water Skier Without an Observer**

The Boat Operator named in this application is hereby granted a Permit to tow a water skier without an observer while in compliance with all permit conditions and water areas indicated herein.

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Executive Director or Designee*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Date*

**Weekend operation approved:**     **Yes**     **No**

**Permit conditions/restrictions are listed on the reverse side. Permit valid for year** \_\_\_\_\_.

**THIS PERMIT IN ITS ENTIRETY MUST BE CARRIED ON BOARD THE BOAT WHILE EXERCISING THE AUTHORITY GRANTED HEREIN AND MUST BE SHOWN UPON REQUEST OF ANY OFFICER AUTHORIZED TO ENFORCE THE FISH AND BOAT CODE.**

## Conditions of Permit

- (i) Both the operator of the boat and the water skier meet safety training requirements as evidenced by documented completion of a safe boating course and active membership in a State or National water skiing organization which provides members with information on water skiing safety.
- (ii) The operator fulfills the definition of a "competent observer" as set forth in this section, wears an approved PFD and is a person 18 years of age or older.
- (iii) The Boat is equipped with the following:
  - (A) A rearview mirror which is at least 5 inches by 10 inches configured so that the operator may at all times observe the progress of the person being towed.
  - (B) A ski platform
  - (C) A boom, towing eye or pylon mounted permanently inside the hull of the boat to which the towing rope is secured.
- (iv) Only one person is being towed.
- (v) The water skis or other device on which the person is riding are attached only to the person and not to the boat.
- (vi) Conditions, including weather, other boating activities and congestion in the vicinity of the proposed operation, do not impede safe and prudent boat or water skiing operations.
- (vii) The water skiing takes place before the hour of 10 a.m. on a day other than a weekend or holiday. The Executive Director, for good cause shown, may permit water skiing under this section on a Saturday or Sunday before the hour of 10 a.m. if the Executive Director finds that other boating activities on the waters at the same time will not interfere with the water skiing.
- (viii) The water skiing takes place on waters described and approved for the operations in the permit.
- (ix) The water skiing takes place when the Executive Director or a designee indicates on the permit.
- (x) The boat towing the water skier displays a special water ski flag of a size and design approved by the Commission.
- (xi) The permittee carries the permit onboard while operating the boat towing a water skier without an observer.

**ADDITIONAL PERMIT CONDITIONS:**

<b>Waterways Conservation Officer</b> _____ Date _____	<input type="checkbox"/> APPROVED <input type="checkbox"/> DISAPPROVED	Comments or additional conditions:
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<b>Region Manager</b> _____ Date _____	<input type="checkbox"/> APPROVED <input type="checkbox"/> DISAPPROVED	Comments or additional conditions:
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<b>Harrisburg Office</b> _____ Date _____	<input type="checkbox"/> APPROVED <input type="checkbox"/> DISAPPROVED	Comments or additional conditions:
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**Addendum - Application for Permit / Permit No. \_\_\_\_\_  
Tow Water Skier Without an Observer**

**ADDITIONAL WATER SKIERS \***

**Water Skier:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_  
*Street or Box Number*  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 City County State Zip  
**Phone No:**(\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ **Date of birth** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_  
*Street or Box Number*  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 City County State Zip  
**Phone No:**(\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ **Date of birth** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Course Name** \_\_\_\_\_  
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**Date Completed** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Water Ski Organization Membership:**  
**Organization Name** \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
**Date Membership Expires** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Signature** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date** \_\_\_\_\_

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NOTICE: All Skiers listed above:

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**Weekend Operation Request**

(See Condition (vii))

List dates for requested weekend operation:

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The applicant must show good cause for weekend operation approval. Please list justification below:

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Attach this sheet to permit application on submission ONLY if information provided.